



## **Commission on Child Care Meeting Summary June 21, 2017**

**Members Present:** Lindsey Allard Agnamba, Barbara Andrews, Michelle Belski, Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, L'Ornya Bowie, Hashan Chowdhury, Yvonne Iscandari, Jessica Kelley, Sybil Philip, Laura Seminario-Thornton, and Greg Stevens

**Members Absent:** Pamela Dunn, Carl Eggleston, Diana Holzberger, Edward Krauze, Claudia Simmons, Greg Smith, Lynn Sobolov, Dr. Mayme Williams and Lara Woodruff

**Guests Present:** Kareen Davis, William Polman, and Michael Subin

**Staff Present:** Sarah Wilch-Spamer (DHHS)

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Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

**Minutes:** Review of meeting minutes from May 17, 2017

**ACTION:** Meeting minutes were approved with no changes—Motion: Lindsey Allard Agnamba; Second: Sybil Philip

### **Old Business:**

- Final review and vote on the MCER 6-17 letter to County Council, County Executive, and Commercial Use of Public Facilities (CUPF)
  - **ACTION:** Letter approved with changes—Motion: Greg Stevens; Second: Sybil Philip
- Debrief on HHS Director and CYF Chief visit to CCC on 6-7-17
  - Uma Ahluwalia is scheduled to attend the September 20, 2017 Early Childhood Coordinating Council (ECCC) meeting and would like to bring together selected members from the Commission on Child Care (CCC) and ECCC to discuss the missions of each group, the areas in which they align, and what the groups might look like moving forward.
- Mini Retreat (Lindsey Allard Agnamba)
  - Prioritization: Members met in small groups to discuss and rate on a scale of low-mid-high; the magnitude, political will, capacity, and changeability of the four potential areas of the CCC's work for the upcoming year.

- Area 1: Engagement with the County's Early Care and Education Strategic Plan 2017
  - Area 2: Affordability and Accessibility to Quality Child Care
  - Area 3: Universal Pre-K
  - Area 4: CCC Outreach to Community and Alignment with other Groups
- Based on the ratings of the exercise and additional discussion, it was agreed that the CCC's Outreach to Community and Alignment with other Groups is critical. Greg Stevens and Michelle Belski will formulate a summary of the full outcome of the exercise to share with Commissioners who were unable to attend.
    - Activities and Actions: Members were asked to develop actionable activities, timelines for those activities, and to list 2-3 speakers for future meetings. Actionable Activities:
      - Identify and develop a list of other like-minded groups/potential partners and by the fall, use the list to determine speakers at committee and/or full membership meetings; and
      - Create/manage CCC Facebook page (requires approval from the HHS Office of the Special Assistant).
  - Priorities will be voted on by the membership at the July meeting.

### **Updates**

- **WPA/Subsidy** (Yvonne Iscandari)
  - WPA received \$2 million in funding
  - Notices have been sent to families on the wait list. The deadline to apply is June 23, 2017. If families do not respond, notice is given to the next families on the list.
- **Early Childhood Coordinating Council** (Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta)
  - Continuation of May retreat: members met in small groups to discuss possible priorities for the year.
    - Early Care and Education Strategic Plan
    - Alignment and unity with other groups
    - Ready to Learn concept (transitions to kindergarten)

### **Announcements**

- Mileage Reimbursement forms are due to Erin Stillwell.
- Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers "Family Resource Fair" fliers were distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.